

**The purpose of this report is to fulfill the requirements in House Bill 1832, Section 32 (4) from the 2001 legislative session. Specifically, this subsection states:**

“Beginning December 31, 2001, and ending on December 31, 2004, the Office of Financial Management shall review and report to the Legislature by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year on whether the Department of Ecology has adequate funding for fulfilling the department’s responsibilities for processing applications through Water Conservancy Boards under Chapter 90.80 RCW.”

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) has reviewed the current funding level of the Department of Ecology (Ecology) related to supporting the work of Water Conservancy Boards in processing water right change applications. Information provided by Ecology and Water Conservancy Boards was the primary source of information used in developing this report. In general, both Ecology and local Water Conservancy Boards have reported that adequate funding has been provided to Ecology for this purpose. Further, if increased conservancy board workload occurs in the current biennium, Ecology has the flexibility to utilize existing water right processing resources to cover these costs.



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